

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Matthew Bussan (Reg. No. 33,614) on 12/17/2010.

Examiner Amendments

2. The application has been amended as follows: Claim 11 is Currently Amended. Claims 1-7 and 12-18 are as presented by Applicant on 9/24/2007.

11. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable program stored on a computer-readable medium, said computer readable program being configured to perform the steps of:

receiving a request for a particular media file from a client computer,
providing a metafile, wherein said metafile contains information about the identification, location and format of the media file,

returning said metafile back to said client computer,
characterized in that

the step of receiving a request for a particular media file from a client computer comprises the steps of:

intercepting a download request for the actual media file and
reinterpreting said download request into a request for receiving a corresponding
metafile.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
4. The closest prior art of record, US 2003/0236912, discloses several features of claims 1, 11, and 18. However, the BPAI has reversed a rejection over Klemets in the Decision rendered 9/29/2010. Thus, claims 1-7 and 11-18 are allowable over Klemets for at least the reasons presented in the Appeal Brief filed 3/17/2008 and the BPAI decision mailed 9/29/2010. For example, each of claims 1, 11, and 18 require that a client computer requests a "particular media file," such as by URL (Appeal Brief: Pages 14-15), thus allowing the media file to be referenced directly. This request is then reinterpreted, or converted, to a request for downloading a metafile that corresponds to the requested media file, where the metafile is downloaded instead of the metafile (Appeal Brief: Pages 15-16). Further, no other prior art of record appears to fairly teach or suggests taking a request for a specific media file and changing the request to a request to download a metafile corresponding to the media file instead of the media file.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott Christensen whose telephone number is (571)270-1144. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 6:30AM - 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn can be reached on (571) 272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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